

In an age where societal fragmentation and moral ambiguity spread like an epidemic, North Dakota stands at a crossroads. The erosion of shared truths calls for a return to the foundational source of all order and justice: the sovereignty of Christ, whose kingship transcends human constructs. This motion is not merely symbolic; it is a reaffirmation of the eternal principle that governance derives its legitimacy from divine authority, a truth as urgent today as it was timeless.

Before the first star was cast into the heavens, before the concept of "state" took form, there existed a Sovereign whose authority is woven into the fabric of existence. Christ's kingship is not contingent on human acknowledgment—it is **a priori**, the bedrock of reality itself. Philosophers from Aquinas to Augustine recognized this: just as light precedes vision, divine authority precedes human law. To deny this is to build a house upon sand, ignoring the rock upon which all justice stands.

Scripture and reason alike affirm that "there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). Governments are stewards, not originators, of power. The Declaration of Independence echoes this, grounding rights in a Creator. When North Dakota acknowledges Christ's kingship, it does not establish a theocracy but humbly admits a truth that elevates governance: rulers are accountable to a higher moral order. This recognition transforms power into service, aligning laws with the eternal principles of love, justice, and mercy.

Critics may invoke separation of church and state, yet this motion transcends sectarianism. It is not an imposition of dogma but a recognition of the metaphysical foundation of all legitimate authority. The First Amendment prohibits state religion, not state wisdom. Just as the Capitol's architecture nods to timeless virtues, this motion invites leaders to govern with the compass of divine truth, ensuring laws reflect universal moral law accessible to all consciences.

North Dakota, with its legacy of community and resilience, is uniquely poised to lead. By affirming Christ's kingship, the state honors its heritage while offering a remedy to modern alienation. Imagine a governance guided by humility, where policies uplift the vulnerable and leaders govern with integrity. This is not a retreat to the past but a step toward a society

where law reflects the divine "Logos"—the ordering principle that harmonizes chaos into cosmos.

Let North Dakota rise as a beacon, declaring that true authority flows from the King of Kings. In doing so, it plants a flag of hope: that even in a fractured world, governance rooted in eternal truth can heal, unify, and illuminate. The epidemic of despair meets its cure in the recognition of Him who is "before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). Let us affirm this motion, not out of coercion, but as a free people acknowledging the source of our freedom.

In the words of Proverbs 8:15–16: "By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just." May North Dakota's decree echo through history, a testament to the enduring kingship of Christ.